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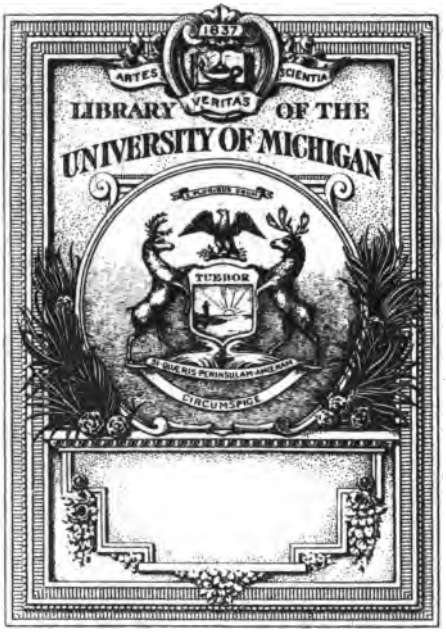

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Tenets

of

The Mother Church

The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

To be signed by those uniting with The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

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1. As adherents of Truth, we take the Scriptures for our guide to eternal Life.

2. We acknowledge and adore *one* Supreme Infinite God. We acknowledge *one* Christ, the Holy Ghost, and man as the Divine image and likeness:

3. God's forgiveness of sin, in the destruction of sin, and the understanding that sin and suffering are not eternal:

4. The atonement as the efficacy, and evidence of divine Love, of man's unity with God, and the great merits of Jesus, the Way-shower:

5. Universal salvation as demonstrated by Jesus, the Galilean prophet, in the power of Truth over all error, sin, sickness, and death; and the resurrection of human faith and understanding to seize the great possibilities and living energies of the divine Life.

6. We solemnly promise to strive, watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus, to love one another, and to be meek, merciful, just, and *pure*.

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Historical Sketch.

IN the spring of 1879, a little band of earnest seekers after Truth, went into deliberations over forming a church without creeds, to be called the "CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST." They were members of evangelical churches, and students of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, in Christian Science, and were known as "Christian Scientists."

At a meeting of the Christian Scientist Association, April 19, 1879, on motion of Mrs. Eddy, it was voted, — To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing.

Mrs. Eddy was appointed on the committee to draft the Tenets of the Church — the chief cornerstone whereof is, that Christian Science, as taught and demonstrated by our Master, casts out error, heals the sick and restores the lost Israel. "The

stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner."

The charter for the Church was obtained June, 1879, and the same month the members, twenty-six in number, extended a call to Mary Baker G. Eddy to become their pastor. She accepted the call, and was ordained A. D. 1881. Although walking through deep waters, the little Church went steadily on, increasing in numbers, and at every epoch saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

On the twenty-third day of September, 1892, at the request of Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, twelve of her students and church members met and reorganized, under her jurisdiction, the Christian Science Church and named it, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

At this meeting twenty others of Mrs. Eddy's students and members of her former Church were elected members of this Church, — those with others that have since been elected to be known as "First Members." The Church Tenets, Rules, and By-Laws, as prepared by Mrs. Eddy, were adopted.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN BOSTON, MASS., is designed to be built on the rock, Christ; this includes the understanding and demonstration of Truth, Life, and Love, healing and sav-

ing the world from sin, and death; — thus to represent the Church Universal, and to reflect the Church Triumphant.

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Church By-Laws.

Church Officers.

ARTICLE I.

NAMES AND ELECTION.

Names. SECTION 1. The Church officers shall consist of a President, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and two Readers.

President. SECT. 2. The President shall be elected, subject to the approval of the Pastor Emeritus, by the Board of Directors,* before each annual meeting of the Church. His term of office is one year; and the same person is eligible for election but once in three years.

Clerk and Treasurer. SECT. 3. The terms of office of Clerk and Treasurer expire on the first Tuesday in June of each year, or upon the election of their successors, and these officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting.

* See under "Deed of Trust" for incorporation of the "Christian Science Board of Directors."

Directors. SECT. 4. The Christian Science Board of Directors of this Church, shall not fill a vacancy occurring on that Board, except the candidate is approved by the Pastor Emeritus and the remaining members of the Board.

This By-Law can neither be amended nor annulled, except by consent of Mrs. Eddy, the Pastor Emeritus.

No Trusteeships nor Syndicates. SECT. 5. No Board of Trustees, nor Syndicates, shall ever be formed by, or between, the members of this Church, or shall exist in the Mother Church, except the Trusteeship be constituted by the Pastor Emeritus.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF CLERK.

Reading Communications. SECTION 1. When the Pastor Emeritus sends a letter or message to the Clerk of the Mother Church, to be read at a meeting of the First Members, it shall be his imperative duty to read said communication at the place and time specified. If the Clerk fail to perform this important function of his office, a member of this Church shall make complaint thereof at a special meeting called for this purpose, and the Clerk shall be removed from office.

Understanding Communications. SECT. 2. If the Clerk of this Church shall receive a communication from the Pastor Emeritus which he does not fully understand, he shall inform her of this fact before presenting it to the Church, and obtain a clear understanding of the matter,— then act in accordance therewith. Failing to adhere to this By-Law, the Clerk must resign.

Providing Lists. SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Church to provide each First Member with a printed list of the names of candidates for Church membership, at least three days before the semi-annual meetings.

ARTICLE III.

QUALIFICATIONS OF READERS.

Election. SECTION 1. The Christian Science Board of Directors shall elect annually the Readers of this Church, a male and a female, one to read the BIBLE, and one to read SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

Eligibility. SECT. 2. The Directors shall select intelligible readers who are good English scholars, and exemplary Christians, to read in Church. They must be members of this denomination and First Members of this Church.

Approval of Candidates. SECT. 3. This Board shall inform the Pastor Emeritus of the names of candidates for readers before they are elected, and if she objects to the nomination, said candidates shall not be chosen.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF READERS.

Moral Obligations. SECTION 1. The readers must devote a suitable portion of their time to preparation for reading the Sunday lesson, — a lesson on which the prosperity of Christian Science largely depends. They must keep themselves unspotted from the world, — uncontaminated with evil, — that the mental atmosphere they exhale shall promote health and holiness, even that spiritual *animus* so universally needed.

First Reader's Duties. SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the First Reader to conduct the principal part of the Sunday services, and the Wednesday evening meetings.

Suitable Selections. SECT. 3. The First Reader reads, as a part of the Wednesday evening services, selections from the SCRIPTURES, and from SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

Order of Reading. SECT. 4. The First Readers in the Churches of Christian Science shall read the correlative texts in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES; and the Second Readers shall read the Bible texts. The readings from the SCRIPTURES shall precede the readings from SCIENCE AND HEALTH. The readers shall not read from copies or manuscripts, but from the books.

Naming Book and Author. SECT. 5. The Reader of SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, before commencing to read from this book, shall distinctly announce its full title and give the author's name. Such announcement shall be made but once during the lesson.

Readers in Branch Churches. SECT. 6. Members of the Mother Church who are, or may be appointed, readers to conduct public services, should be thorough English scholars; and must be sufficiently such as to read and spell well. They shall make no remarks explanatory of the LESSON-SERMON at any time during the service; but they shall read all notices and remarks that may be printed in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE QUARTERLY. This By-Law applies to readers in all the branch churches.

Enforcement of By-Laws. SECT. 7. It shall be the duty of every member of the Mother Church, who is a First Reader in a Church of Christ, Scientist, to enforce the discipline and by-laws of the church over which he presides.

First Members.

ARTICLE V.

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTION.

Qualifications. SECTION 1. The First Members of this Church shall be persons who have proven themselves, in successive years, strict adherents to the doctrines and practise inculcated and set forth in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

Number. SECT. 2. If the First Members become less than forty in number, they shall regain this number. Their number shall not exceed one hundred.

Residence. SECT. 3. The First Members shall reside within five hundred miles of Boston, Mass.

Approval of Candidates. SECT. 4. Before being elected, the candidates for First Members shall be approved by the Pastor Emeritus over her own signature.

Method of Election. SECT. 5. A First Member can be elected only by the unanimous vote of all the First Members. If it is not convenient for a First Member to be present, he shall mail a letter to the Clerk, in time to be read at the Church meeting for receiving members. Said letter shall

contain the name of the candidate for membership, and the word yes, or no. The Clerk shall inform all the First Members of the purpose for which this meeting is called. The First Members so elected shall have the same power to act for this Church as the incumbents.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF FIRST MEMBERS.

Vote on Candidates. SECTION 1. At their semi-annual meetings the First Members shall vote on admitting candidates, and shall transact any Church business that may properly come before them.

Discuss Important Questions. SECT. 2. Important questions relative to Church members shall be discussed in the meetings of the First Members.

Fix Readers' Salaries. SECT. 3. The First Members shall fix the salaries of the Readers.

Vote of Absent Members. SECT. 5. If a By-Law requires the unanimous vote of the First Members in order to change or amend it, this vote can be called for at a special meeting, and acted upon by a quorum present, together with the written yea or nay vote of the absent First Members.

Quorum. SECT. 6. Seven First Members shall constitute a quorum for transacting Church business.

Church Membership.

ARTICLE VII.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Believe in Christian Science. SECTION 1. To become a member of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., the applicant must be a believer in the doctrines of Christian Science according to the platform and teaching contained in the Christian Science text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy. The BIBLE, and the above-named book, with other works by the same author, must be his only text-books for self-instruction in Christian Science, and for teaching and practising metaphysical healing.

Free From Other Denominations. SECT. 2. This Church will receive a member of another Church of Christ, Scientist, but not a church-member from a different denomination, until that membership is dissolved.

Children when Twelve Years Old. SECT. 3. Children who have arrived at the age of twelve years, who are invited by, or whose applications are countersigned by one of Mrs. Eddy's loyal students, by a First Member, or by a Director, may be admitted to membership with the Mother Church.

ARTICLE VIII.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Students of the College. SECTION 1. Applications from students of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College for membership with the Mother Church, shall be signed by the Christian Science Board of Directors, as recommendation of the loyalty of the applicants.

Other Students. SECT. 2. Applicants for membership who have not studied Christian Science with Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, can unite with this Church only by invitation and recommendation from students of Mrs. Eddy, loyal to the teachings of our text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES; or from members of the Mother Church, as provided in Article IX., Sect. 2, of these By-Laws.

Students' Pupils. SECT. 3. Applications for membership, coming from students' pupils, must include the names and recommendations of their teachers.

Exceptional Cases. SECT. 4. — Loyal Christian Scientists whose teachers are deceased, absent, or disloyal, — or those whose teachers for insufficient cause refuse to indorse their applications for membership with the Mother Church, — can apply to the Clerk of this Church, and present to him a recommendation signed by three members thereof in good standing. After which, the unanimous vote of the First Members that are present at the meeting, shall admit said applicant to membership.

Addressed to Clerk. SECT. 5. All applications for membership must be addressed to the Clerk of the Church.

ARTICLE IX.

RECOMMENDATION AND ELECTION.

Pupils of Normal Students. SECTION 1. One normal student cannot recommend the pupil of another normal student, so long as both are loyal to their Teacher, and to our Text-book.

Members of Mother Church. SECT. 2. Only members of the Mother Church are qualified to invite

and recommend for membership, individuals who are known by them to be Christians, and faithful, loyal students of our text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES. Every recommendation shall be countersigned by one of Mrs. Eddy's loyal students, by a Director of this Church, or by a First Member.

Election. SECT. 3. The candidates shall be elected by a majority vote of the First Members present.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Per Capita Tax. SECTION 1. Every member of the Mother Church shall pay annually a per capita tax of not less than one dollar, which shall be forwarded each year to the Church Treasurer.

Church Periodicals. SECT. 2. It shall be the privilege and duty of every member who can afford it, to subscribe for the periodicals which are the organs of this Church; and it shall be the duty of this Church to see that these periodicals are ably edited, and kept abreast of the times.

ARTICLE XI.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP.

Those Heretofore Members. SECTION 1. Individuals who have heretofore been members of this Church, or were members of the Church of Christ, Scientist, organized in 1879 by Mary Baker G. Eddy, but who have either voluntarily withdrawn, or were expelled therefrom, may be received into this Church on one year's probation, provided they are willing and anxious to live according to its requirements, and make application for membership according to its By-Laws. If, at the expiration of said one year, they are found worthy, they shall be received into full membership, but if not found worthy their applications shall be void.

Those Without Recommendation. SECT. 2. Any person desiring to unite with this Church who is unable, owing to unusual and justifiable circumstances, to furnish the recommendation of a loyal student of the Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy, may, upon application, be received on probation for one year. At the expiration of that term, if this person has given satisfactory evidence to the First Members that he is worthy of membership, he shall be received into full fellowship.

Meetings.

ARTICLE XII.

Annual Meetings. SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Mother Church shall be held annually, on the first Tuesday in June of each year, beginning in June, 1899. These assemblies shall be for the purpose of listening to the reports of Treasurer, Clerk, and Committees, and general reports from the Field.

First Members' Meetings. SECT. 2. The regular meetings of the First Members shall be held semi-annually, on the Saturday preceding the Communion Sunday in June, and on the first Tuesday in November, of each year, beginning in 1899.

Special Meetings. SECT. 3. Special meetings of First Members shall be called by the Clerk, upon a request from our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, or by an order from three First Members who are in good standing with this Church. When the Clerk shall receive a re-

quest to call the First Members to convene in special meeting, he shall set the earliest possible hour when a quorum can assemble, unless it be otherwise stated in the request. For this purpose he is authorized to use the mail service, also the telegraph and telephone wires if necessary.

Called Only by Clerk. SECT. 4. A member of the Mother Church, who is not the Clerk thereof, shall not appoint a meeting of the First Members. Only the Clerk appoints said meetings, and in accordance with the By-Laws of this Church.

Church Services.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PASTOR.

Ordination. SECTION 1. I, Mary Baker G. Eddy, ordain the BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, Pastor over the Mother Church, — The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., — so long as the Church is satisfied with this Pastor.

The Lesson-Sermon. SECT. 2. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon in the morning service of the Mother Church, and of the branch Churches of Christ, Scientist, shall be repeated at their second service on Sunday. The correlative Biblical texts in the Lesson-Sermon shall extend from Genesis to Revelation. The subjects given in the International Series shall be discontinued.

ARTICLE XIV.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

Order of Service. SECTION 1. The Communion shall be observed by this Church annually on the

first Sunday in June of each year — by reading selections from the BIBLE, silent prayer, the Lord's Prayer with its Spiritual Interpretation from the Christian Science text-book, reading the appointed lesson-sermon, selected from the BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, singing of hymns, singing, silent communion, reading the Scientific Statement of Being, and benediction.

Reading Tenets. SECT. 2. On each Communion Sunday, the Church Tenets shall be read from the pulpit.

Doxology. SECT. 3. The following verse shall be sung as a doxology at the close of the Communion Service in all churches of the Christian Science denomination: —

"Be Thou, O God, exalted high!
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed —
Till Thou art here and now obeyed."

ARTICLE XV.

READING IN PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. To pour into the ears of listeners the sacred revelations of Christian Science indiscriminately, or without characterizing their origin,

and thus distinguishing them from the writings of authors who think at random on this subject, is to lose some weight in the scale of right thinking. Therefore it is the duty of every member of this Church when publicly reading or quoting from the books or poems of our Pastor Emeritus, to first announce the name of the author. Members shall also instruct their students to adopt the aforenamed method, for the benefit of our Cause.

ARTICLE XVI.

WELCOMING STRANGERS.

The Mother's Welcome. SECTION 1. Mother welcomes to her seats in the Church people, of whatever sect or denomination, who come to listen to the Sunday sermon, and are not otherwise provided with seats.

The Local Members' Welcome. SECT. 2. It shall be the duty and privilege of the local members of the Mother Church to give their seats, if necessary, to strangers who may come to attend the morning services.

ARTICLE XVII.

VACATION.

SECTION 1. Vacation shall commence after the last Sunday in July, and Church services shall be resumed the first Sunday in September.

Guardianship of Church Funds.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Church Edifice a Testimonial. SECTION 1. Whereas, on March 20, 1895, the Christian Science Board of Directors, in behalf of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., presented to Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy their church edifice as a Testimonial of this Church's love and gratitude; and she, with grateful acknowledgments thereof, declined to receive this munificent gift; she now understands the financial situation between the Christian Science Board of Directors and said Church to be as follows: —

Financial Situation. SECT. 2. The Christian Science Board of Directors own the church edifice, with the land whereon it stands, legally; and the church members own the aforesaid premises and building, beneficially. After the Church was built, the balance of the building funds which remained in the hands of the Directors, rightfully belonged to the Church, and not solely to the Directors. There-

fore, the balance of the church building funds which can be spared after the debts are paid, should remain on safe deposit, to be hereafter used for the benefit of this Church, as the right occasion may call for it. The following indicates the proper management of the church funds: —

Report of Directors. SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Christian Science Board of Directors to report annually the amount of church funds on hand, the amount of its indebtedness, and of its expenditures for the last year.

Gifts. SECT. 4. Any gift made of the church funds shall require a majority vote of the First Members.

Auditing of Books. SECT. 5. The books of the Christian Science Board of Directors and of the Church Treasurer shall be audited annually at the written request of the Church, through a committee on finance.

Duty of Finance Committee. SECT. 6. Said committee shall inform themselves annually as to the Church's financial matters, which are entrusted to the Board of Directors and to the Church Treasurer. If it be found that the church funds have not been properly managed, it shall be the duty of the First Members to require the Board of Directors and the

Treasurer to be individually responsible for the performance of their several offices satisfactorily, and for the proper distribution of the funds of which they are the custodians.

God's Requirement. SECT. 7. God requires wisdom, economy, and brotherly love to characterize all the proceedings of the members of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and I am glad to state, that the action of its honorable Board of Directors has given good evidence of their obedience to this requirement.

Provision for the Future. SECT. 8. In case of any possible future deviation therefrom, it shall be the duty of the First Members to call a special meeting for the purpose of duly considering the questions relating thereto, and require the Committee on Finance to visit the Board of Directors, and, in a Christian spirit and manner, demand that each one shall comply with the vote of the First Members on this subject. If a Director refuses thus to do, he shall be dismissed from office, and the vacancy supplied by the Board.

This By-Law is designed, not so much for this hour as for future years, and for the disobedient; even as the Ten Commandments stand for all time, and require all men to act righteously.

Teaching Christian Science.

ARTICLE XIX.

TEACHERS.

Motive in Teaching. SECTION 1. Teaching Christian Science shall not be a question of money, but of morals and religion, healing and uplifting the race.

Care of Students. SECT. 2. Christian Scientists who are teachers shall carefully select for students such only as have good past records, and promising proclivities toward Christian Science. The teacher shall hold himself morally obligated to promote the progress of his students, not only during the class term, but after it, and to watch well that they prove sound in sentiment, and practical in Christian Science. He shall persistently and patiently strive to educate his students in conformity to the unerring wisdom and law of God, and shall enjoin them to habitually study the SCRIPTURES, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

No Unsolicited Treatment. SECT. 3. A teacher shall not silently address a student's thought to handle it, nor allow his students thus to do, except the individual needing it asks for mental treatment.

Defense Against Malpractise. SECT. 4. Teachers shall instruct their students how to defend themselves against mental malpractise, and never to return evil for evil, but to know the Truth that makes free, and so be a law, not unto others, but to themselves.

Number of Students. SECT. 5. Teachers at present shall not receive more than thirty students in a class, and shall teach but two classes yearly.

Associations. SECT. 6. Teachers shall form associations, and for the first three years convene them as often as once in three months.

A Single Field of Labor. SECT. 7. A loyal teacher of Christian Science shall take entire charge of his students. He shall neither permit them to join another teacher's class or association, nor shall he join another's association, nor teach a loyal teacher's student Christian Science; he shall have but one field for this labor. Students may visit each others' churches, and by invitation may attend each others' associations.

Change of Location. SECT. 8. To faithfully fulfil

the solemn responsibilities of a teacher of Christian Science, or of a first reader, the student should remain with his own students, association, and church. But if, for sufficient cause, he shall change his location, before leaving it, he must resign the charge of his students, association, and church, and this church shall carefully elect a member thereof to fill the vacancy.

Caring for Students of Strayed Members. SECT. 9. A loyal teacher of Christian Science may teach, and receive into his association, the students of another member of this Church who has so strayed as justly to be deemed, by the First Members, not ready to lead his students as a reader or a teacher. See Article XXV., Sect. 1.

Teaching in Foreign Countries. SECT. 10. A teacher from the United States, who is a resident in a foreign country, shall not teach Christian Science to a citizen of the United States.

ARTICLE XX.

STUDENTS.

Eligible for Examination. SECTION 1. A student of the books of Mary Baker G. Eddy shall not take lessons of another student, but is eligible to exami-

nation by the Christian Science Board of Education.

Authorized to Teach. SECT. 2. After a student's pupil has been duly authorized as qualified to be a teacher of Christian Science, he is no longer under the jurisdiction of his former teacher.

Unqualified to Teach. SECT. 3. Students who have taken no degrees at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, nor passed the examination given by the Board of Education, are not properly prepared for teaching Christian Science.

Without Teachers. SECT. 4. Those beloved brethren who are distant from the Mother Church, and whose teachers have passed on, can elect as readers for their churches those who are ready for this high calling, and continue the meetings of their associations.

SECT. 5. In Articles XIX. and XX. the By-Laws shall neither be amended, nor repealed, except by the vote of all the First Members, or the consent of the Pastor Emeritus.

Guidance of Members.

ARTICLE XXI.

A Rule for Motives and Acts. SECTION 1. Neither animosity, nor mere personal attachment, should impel the motives or acts of the members of the Mother Church. In Science, Divine Love alone governs man; and a Christian Scientist reflects the sweet amenities of Love, in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness, and forgiveness. The members of this Church should daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced, erroneously.

To Be Read in Church. SECT. 2. The above Church Rule shall be read in the Mother Church, and in the branch churches, by the First Reader, on the first Sunday of each month, except on Communion day, when the Church Tenets are to be read.

Christ Jesus the Ensample. SECT. 3. He who dated the Christian era, is the Ensample in Christian Science. Careless comparison, or irreverent refer-

ence to Christ Jesus, is abnormal in a Christian Scientist, and prohibited. When it is necessary to show the great gulf between Christian Science, Theosophy, and Spiritualism, do it, but without hard words. The wise man saith, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." However despitefully used and misrepresented by the churches or the press, in return employ no violent invective, and do good unto your enemies when the opportunity occurs. A departure from this rule disqualifies a member for office in the Church, or the Board of Lectureship, and renders this member liable to discipline, and, possibly, dismissal from the Mother Church.

Daily Prayer. SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to pray each day: "Thy Kingdom come;" let the reign of Truth and Love be established in me, rule me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word, in Christian Science, enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!

Church Prayer. SECT. 5. All the Christian Science Churches' prayers in church shall be offered for their congregations.

Alertness to Duty. SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to daily so defend

himself against aggressive mental suggestion, as not to be made to forget, nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his works he shall be judged,—and justified or condemned.

One Christ. SECT. 7. In accordance with our Text-Books,—the BIBLE, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, — and all Mrs. Eddy's other teachings, members of this Church shall, neither orally nor by writing, signify their belief in more than one Christ, even that Christ whereof the Scripture beareth testimony.

Good-Will to Men. SECT. 8. Members shall entertain no ill-will toward men, toward members of other churches, Doctors of Medicine, or doctors of any sort.

No Malpractise. SECT. 9. Members will not intentionally or knowingly mentally malpractise, inasmuch as Christian Science can only be practised according to the Golden Rule: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye."

Charity to All. SECT. 10. While members of this Church do not believe in the doctrines of Theosophy, Hypnotism, or Spiritualism, they should cherish no enmity toward those who do believe in such doctrines. But whenever God calls a member to bear testimony to Truth, he shall do it with love and without fear.

Discipline.

ARTICLE XXII.

RELATION OF MEMBERS TO PASTOR EMERITUS.

The Title of Mother. SECTION 1. In the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, loyal Christian Scientists had given to the author of their text-book, the Founder of Christian Science, the individual, endearing term of Mother. Therefore if a student of Christian Science shall apply this title, either to herself or to others, except as the term for kinship according to the flesh, it shall be regarded by the Church as an indication of disrespect for their Pastor Emeritus, and unfitness to be a member of the Mother Church.

Working Against the Cause. SECT. 2. If a member of this Church shall work against the accomplishment of what the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science understands is advantageous to the individual, to this Church, and to the Cause of Christian Science, or shall influence or counsel others thus to act, upon the complaint of another member, it shall be the duty of this Church imme-

diately to call a meeting, and drop forever the name of this member from its records.

This rule cannot be changed, amended, or annulled, except by unanimous vote of all the First Members.

No Complaints. SECT. 3. No member is allowed to enter a complaint against another member to the Pastor Emeritus. If one member shall aggrieve or vilify another member, the latter's just redress, and the footsteps whereby to reform him, are pointed out in Article XXVI., Sect. 6.

No Troublesome Communications. SECT. 4. If a member shall communicate to the Pastor Emeritus aught that is injurious to the character of another member, without her having requested this information, or trouble her on subjects belonging to our periodicals without her consent, it shall be considered an offence which renders him liable to be excommunicated.

No Reporting Cases of Discipline. SECT. 5. No member is allowed to report to the Pastor Emeritus a case of discipline, or the cases of candidates for admission to this Church, or for dismission from it.

Cognizance of Hypnotism. SECT. 6. A member shall not practise hypnotism on penalty of being forever dismembered from the Mother Church. If a member is found to be a mental malpractitioner or a hypnotizer, upon the complaint of the Pastor

Emeritus, his name shall be dropped from this Church. No member shall enter a complaint to her for the aforesaid purpose, — it shall be her own cognizance of this sin.

Reading Letters at Meetings. SECT. 7. If a member receives from the Pastor Emeritus a letter containing suggestions important to the action and welfare of this Church, which she designs to have read at a meeting thereof, and it is not read in open meeting, or only portions of it are read, — it shall be the duty of another member to tell this brother his fault; then, if it be repeated, a meeting shall be called, and the offender shall be dropped from the Church.

Attesting Authority. SECT. 8. To prevent any difficulty ensuing from the above-named cause— whenever a letter or a message from the Pastor Emeritus is brought before a meeting of this Church, or she is referred to as authority for business—it shall be the duty of the First Members to inquire if all of the letter is read, and to require all of it to be read; also to see that any authority supposed to come from her be satisfactorily attested.

Unauthorized Reports. SECT. 9. Members of this Church shall not report on authority an order from Mrs. Eddy that she has not specially sent, either to the Boards, or to the executive body of this Church.

Interpreting Messages. SECT. 10. Members shall not explain as conclusive the meaning of Mrs. Eddy's messages to this Church, nor shall they give a final interpretation of her letters thereto. If at a meeting of this Church, in their deliberations, a doubt or disagreement shall arise among the members as to the signification of her communications to them, before action is taken, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to report to her the vexed question and to await her explanation thereof.

Unauthorized Legal Action. SECT. 11. A member of this Church shall not employ an attorney, nor take legal action on a case not provided for in its By-Laws — if said case relates to the person or to the property of Mary Baker Eddy—without having personally conferred with her on said subject.

No Adulterating Christian Science. SECT. 12. If a member publishes quotations from Mary Baker G. Eddy's copyrighted works, without giving the name of the author, he shall be liable to public exposure thereof in our periodicals, and to have his name dropped from this Church. This remonstrance has become unavoidable, not only to call more serious attention to the commandment of the Decalogue, but to prevent Christian Science from being *adulterated.* This By-Law shall neither be amended, nor annulled, except by unanimous vote of all the First Members.

Public References. SECT. 13. A member of this Church who, without consulting the Pastor Emeritus, publicly refers to any defamation of her,—except it be in a sharp denial of what he knows is not true or a scornful refusal to notice it, — is liable to be removed from office, or excommunicated from the Mother Church.

ARTICLE XXIII.

READERS.

In the Mother Church. SECTION 1. If a reader in the Mother Church be found at any time inadequate or unworthy, he or she shall be removed from office by a majority vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors, and the vacancy supplied until the next annual election.

In Any Church. SECT. 2. The Pastor Emeritus of the Mother Church, shall have the right (through a letter addressed to the individual and church of which he is the reader) to remove a reader from this office in any Church of Christ, Scientist, both in America and in foreign nations; or to appoint the reader to fill any office belonging to the Christian Science denomination.

This By-Law can neither be amended nor annulled, except by consent of the Pastor Emeritus.

ARTICLE XXIV.

FIRST MEMBERS.

Honesty Requisite. SECTION 1. No person shall be elected nor remain a First Member, against whom another of these members brings positive proof of his dishonesty in business, or of his dishonest deportment in any department of Christian Science.

Disobedience Dealt With. SECT. 2. If one First Member knows that another is disobeying the above By-Law, it is his duty to immediately tell him his fault, rebuke, and exhort him. Then, if he continue to break the By-Law, a meeting shall be called within seven days, and his name erased from the list of First Members.

ARTICLE XXV.

TEACHERS.

Probation. SECTION 1. For sufficient reasons the First Members may decide that a teacher has so strayed as not to be ready to lead his students as a reader in church, or as a teacher of Christian Science. Although repentant and forgiven by the Church, and retaining his membership, this weak

member shall not be counted loyal till after three years of exemplary character. Then the Church may decide if his loyalty is proven by uniform maintenance of the life of a consistent, consecrated Christian Scientist.

Misteaching. SECT. 2. If a member of this Church is found trying to practise or to teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, it shall be the duty of this Church to admonish that member according to Article XXVI., Sect. 6. Then, if said member persists in misteaching and malpractise, his or her name shall be dropped from the Church record.

ARTICLE XXVI.

MEMBERS.

Departure from Tenets. SECTION 1. If a member shall depart from the Tenets, and be found having the name without the life of a Christian Scientist, his name shall be dropped from the Church records by a two-thirds vote of the First Members.

Violation of Christian Fellowship. SECT. 2. Any member who cannot or will not live in Christian fellowship with another member who is in good and

regular standing with this Church, shall either withdraw from membership, or shall be excommunicated. If any member feels it to be a Christian duty to complain to this Church of another member who does not fulfil the above-named requirement, he shall do so according to Sect. 6 of Art. XXVI. It shall be the duty of the First Reader to notify the Clerk to call a meeting of the First Members within thirty days, and to enforce this By-Law.

Moral Offences. SECT. 3. If a member is committing some rank moral offence, and another member knows this, it shall be the duty of the latter, first, to tell that brother his fault and endeavor to reform him. Failing in this attempt, the dutiful member shall require the Clerk to call a meeting, and shall make his complaint to the First Members, who shall also admonish the offender. Then if he persists in that wherefor he has been rebuked, he shall be dropped from membership in this Church.

Illegal Adoption. SECT. 4. No person shall be made a member of this Church, or remain a member, who claims a spiritually adopted child; or a spiritually adopted husband, or wife; except they have been legally adopted, or legally married, according to the laws of our land.

Any member who is found living with a child improperly, or claiming a child not legally adopted, or claiming, or living with a husband, or a wife, to whom they have not been legally married, shall im-

mediately be excommunicated, on the grounds of moral unfitness to be a teacher of Christian Science, or a member of this Church.

Broken By-Laws. SECT. 5. A member who shall break, or has already broken, one of its By-Laws, or has caused another member to do so, shall not hold office in this Church. If this offence is repeated, the name of this member shall be dropped from the Church record. This By-Law cannot be amended or annulled except by unanimous vote of the First Members.

Violation of By-Laws. SECT. 6. If a member of this Church is found violating any of the By-Laws herein set forth, he shall, unless otherwise provided in such By-Laws, be admonished in consonance with the Scriptural demand in Matthew, 18: 15, 16, 17; and if he neglect to accept such admonition, his name shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

Formulas Forbidden. SECT. 7. No member shall use written formulas, or permit his patients or students to use them, as auxiliaries to teaching Christian Science, or for healing the sick. Whatever is requisite for either is contained in the books of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. No other authority is needed, and no other will be sought or used, by the loyal Christian Scientist.

If a member of this Church does not obey this By-Law, or is a member of, or holds office in, a church that does not comply strictly therewith, he shall be excommunicated from the Mother Church.

Official Advice. SECT. 8. None but the First Reader, or the Directors, shall give advice on Church matters outside of the meetings. Any member who disobeys this By-Law shall be dropped from Church membership.

This By-Law can neither be amended nor annulled, except by unanimous vote of the First Members.

Forbidden Membership. SECT. 9. 'A member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall not be a member of any church whose readers are not Christian Scientists and members of the Mother Church.

Officious Members. SECT. 10. A member of the Mother Church is not entitled to hold office, teach, or read in other churches of this denomination, except by invitation.

Uncharitable Publications. SECT. 11. A member shall not publish, nor cause to be published, an article that is uncharitable or impertinent towards religion, medicine, the courts, or the laws of our land, on penalty of being removed from the Editorial Corps, or the Board of Lectureship.

Legal Titles. SECT. 12. Owing to the change in our church ministry, all the students of Christian Science must drop the titles of Reverend, and Doctor, except those who have received these titles under the *laws* of the *State*. My beloved brethren will some time learn the wisdom of this By-Law.

Unworthy of Membership. SECT. 13. If an individual on probation, or a member of this Church, is found to be unworthy of membership, and another member in good standing shall, from Christian motives, make this evident, a meeting of First Members shall be called, and the name of that probationary member, or full member, shall be dropped from the Church records.

Repentance and Probation. SECT. 14. A full member, or a probationary member, who has been excommunicated, and afterwards, when sufficient time has elapsed to thoroughly test his sincerity, gives due evidence of having genuinely repented and of being radically reformed, shall be eligible to probationary membership, upon a unanimous vote of the First Members.

Final Excommunication. SECT. 15. If a member has been twice notified of his excommunication, he shall not again be received into this Church. This By-Law cannot be amended nor annulled, except by unanimous vote of all the First Members.

Practitioners and Patients. SECT. 16. A member of the Mother Church shall not, under pardonable circumstances, sue his patient for recovery of payment for said member's practise, on penalty of discipline and liability to have his name removed from membership. Also he shall reasonably reduce his price in chronic cases of recovery, and in cases

where he has not effected a cure. A Christian Scientist is a humanitarian; he is benevolent, forgiving, long-suffering, and seeks to overcome evil with good.

ARTICLE XXVII.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH.

Solo Singer. SECTION 1. If a solo singer in the Mother Church shall either neglect or refuse to sing alone a hymn written by our Leader and Pastor Emeritus, as often as once each month, and oftener if the Board of Directors so direct, a meeting shall be called, and the salary of this singer shall be stopped.

Words Not in the Hymnal. SECT. 2. No hymns nor words composed by students of Christian Science that are not at this date, 1898, in the Christian Science Hymnal, shall be sung in the Mother Church, unless approved by the Pastor Emeritus. As a necessary barrier to inharmony in the Church this By-Law has become requisite.

Directors' Privilege. SECT. 3. If at any time the Christian Science Board of Directors shall request to have sung in the Mother Church either music or words that are not in the Christian Science Hymnal, it shall be the duty of the Directors to see that this request is complied with.

Branch Churches.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

Local Self-Government. SECTION 1. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall assume no official control of other churches of this denomination; it shall be officially controlled by no other church, and shall not change its present Tenets.

Titles. SECT. 2. "The First Church of Christ, Scientist," is the legal title of the Mother Church. Branch churches of the Mother Church may take the title of First Church of Christ, Scientist; Second Church of Christ, Scientist; and so on, where more than one church is established in the same place; but the article "The" must not be used before titles of branch churches, nor written on applications for membership in naming such churches.

Mother Church Unique. SECT. 3. In its relation to other Christian Science churches, in its By-Laws and self-government, the Mother Church stands alone. It occupies a position that no other church can fill; then for a branch church to assume such position, would be disastrous to Christian Science. Therefore, no Church of Christ, Scientist, shall be considered loyal that has branch churches, or that adopts the Mother Church's form of government, except in such cases as are specially allowed and named in this Manual.

Tenets Copyrighted. SECT. 4. Branch churches shall not write the Tenets of the Mother Church in their church books; but may place securely in such books a copy of the printed Tenets for members to subscribe to. The Tenets of the Mother Church are copyrighted in SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

No First Members. SECT. 5. Branch churches shall not organize with First Members, that special method of organization being adapted to the Mother Church alone.

Manual. SECT. 6. Branch churches shall not adopt, print, nor publish the Manual of the Mother Church. See Article XXXVIII., Sect. 1.

Organizing Churches. SECT. 7. A member of this Church who obeys its By-Laws, and is a pupil of one of Mrs. Eddy's students, is eligible to form a church, and to have church services conducted by reading the Scriptures and the Christian Science text-book. This member's church shall be acknowledged publicly as a Church of Christ, Scientist, and its members shall be treated as brethren. Any deviation from this By-Law shall render the offender liable to have his name dropped from the Mother Church.

Communion Service. SECT. 8. The Communion shall be observed on the second Sunday of June and December of each year, and at this service the Tenets of the Mother Church are to be read.

No Close Communion. SECT. 9. The Mother Church, and the branch churches, shall not confine their membership to such persons only as have been students of their readers.

Reading Rooms. SECT. 10. The churches of the Christian Science denomination shall have one reading room for each church; except where churches are in unity, and so situated that it shall be wise to have their reading room, or rooms, in one building that is centrally located.

The Christian Science Publishing Society.

ARTICLE XXIX.

Board of Trustees. SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees, constituted by a Deed of Trust given by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the Pastor Emeritus of this Church, on January twenty-fifth, 1898, shall hold and manage the property therein conveyed, and conduct the business of "The Christian Science Publishing Society" on a strictly Christian basis, for the promotion of the interests of Christian Science.

Disposal of Funds. SECT. 2. The net profits of the business shall be paid over semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Mother Church. He shall hold this money subject to the order of the First Members, who are authorized to order its disposition only in accordance with the By-Laws contained in this Manual.

Vacancies in Trusteeship. SECT. 3. The First

Members, together with the Directors, shall have the power to declare vacancies in said trusteeship, for such reasons as to them may seem expedient. Whenever a vacancy shall occur, the Pastor Emeritus reserves the right to fill the same by appointment; but if she does not elect to exercise this right, the remaining trustees shall fill the vacancy.

Editors and Publishers. SECT. 4. Editors and publishers of *The Christian Science Journal* shall not be elected to these offices, and shall not be removed therefrom, without the knowledge, and the consent (if she chooses to decide) of the Pastor Emeritus.

Suitable Employees. SECT. 5. A person who is not accepted by the Pastor Emeritus and the Christian Science Board of Directors as suitable, shall in no manner be connected with publishing her books, nor with editing or publishing *The Christian Science Journal* and *The Christian Science Sentinel*, nor with the Christian Science Publishing Society.

Weekly Newspaper. SECT. 6. If a weekly newspaper shall be at any time published by the Christian Science Publishing Society, it shall be owned by The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, and shall be copyrighted and conducted according to the By-Law relating to *The Christian Science Journal.*

Rule of Conduct. SECT. 7. No objectionable pictures shall be exhibited in the room where the Christian Science text-book is published or sold. No idle gossip, no slander, no mischief-making, no evil speaking, shall be allowed in this room or any other in the publishing house.

Board of Education.

ARTICLE XXX.

ORGANIZATION.

Officers. SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Education, consisting of four members, a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a teacher of obstetrics.

Election. SECT. 2. The members of the Board shall be elected annually by the Christian Science Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Pastor Emeritus. The Directors shall immediately inform the candidates of their election.

Auspices. SECT. 3. The Board of Education shall act under the auspices of the President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College.

Presidency of College. SECT. 4. If the Pastor Emeritus of the Mother Church should at any time resign over her own signature, or from any cause

vacate her office of President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, a meeting of the Directors of this College shall immediately be called, and the president of the Board of Education, being found worthy, shall be elected to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE XXXI.

APPLICANTS.

Students With Degrees. SECTION 1. Students who have taken the degree of C. S. B., or C. S. D., at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, are not required to be examined by the Board of Education; but all Christian Science teachers must be loyal to God, and to the Christian Science text-book.

Pupils of Students. SECT. 2. A student who has taken a regular course in Christian Science under the instruction of a loyal Christian Scientist, and who brings with him such credentials as are required of a candidate for membership in the Mother Church, is eligible to apply to the Board of Education for examination.

Students of the Books. SECT. 3. A person not having had class instruction from a teacher of Christian Science, but who is a thorough student of SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, and of all its author's writings on Christian Science, — who also has proven by his acts that he possesses good morals, and ability to heal the sick

according to the Principle and rules therein stated, — may or may not apply for examination to the Board of Education. After careful examination, if he is found qualified to practise and teach Christian Science, he shall receive a certificate to this effect. No Christian Scientist, apart from this Board, shall teach a student who is prepared as aforesaid.

Qualification. SECT. 4. A student of Christian Science is not eligible to examination by the Board of Education, and shall not receive a certificate therefrom, who has not been thoroughly instructed in the English language.

Certificates Only for Teachers. SECT. 5. Students are examined, and given certificates by this Board, for no other purpose than teaching Christian Science. All other applicants will be dismissed.

ARTICLE XXXII.

RULES OF THE BOARD.

Sessions. SECTION 1. The annual term of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College will open, with the Board of Education, on Wednesday following the second Tuesday of June, A. D. 1900. The session shall continue not less than two weeks. One of the Board shall preside

during the session, and all the members of the Board shall be present at, and assist in the final examination.

Examination. SECT. 2. Applicants as above can become public teachers after passing a thorough examination before the Board of Education, of not less than seven lessons, in SCIENCE AND HEALTH, chapter on "Recapitulation"; the Platform of Christian Science; page 403 of "Christian Science Practice," from line second to the second paragraph of page 405; and page 488, second and third paragraphs.

Special Instruction. SECT. 3. Not less than three *thorough* lessons by a *well-qualified* teacher, shall be given to each Primary and Normal class on the subject of *mental* practise and malpractise. The students in this class shall be required to prepare a paper on this subject, and after reading it, and having it thoroughly discussed by the class and understood, they shall retain no copy of it, but shall give the paper immediately to their teacher, who shall decide upon its thoroughness and accuracy. This paper shall be sent to Mrs. Eddy, President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, for examination, if she so requires, before the Normal class students shall receive their certificates of degrees.

Number in Class. SECT 4. Thirty-three students shall constitute a class; but those who are given an honorary ticket for entering the College, are not to be included in the number specified to be received in a class before the Board of Education.

Number Given Certificates. SECT. 5. This Board shall send out annually not more than twenty-one teachers.

Signatures. SECT. 6. The signature of each member of the Board shall be on all certificates issued.

Remuneration. SECT. 7. The Board shall be paid for their services a reasonable sum by each candidate to whom a certificate shall be issued, except by those who may be received as charity candidates. A card from the President, Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, presented by the bearer to the Board, shall entitle him or her to a free course at this College.

Surplus Funds. SECT. 8. Any surplus funds left in the hands of the Board of Education shall be paid over annually to the Treasurer of the Mother Church.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

OBSTETRICS.

Teacher of Obstetrics. SECTION 1. The teacher of obstetrics shall be a loyal Christian Scientist, who has received not less than the degree of C. S. B., from the Massachusetts Metaphysical College. He shall also have taken the degree of M. D., and been duly qualified to practise obstetrics, and shall have a diploma authorized by the State.

Lessons. SECT. 2. Not less than four lessons, and more if requisite, (and but one each day) shall be given to students in obstetrics under the auspices of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College.

Examination. SECT. 3. A student in this class shall prepare a paper on *Accouchement*, giving in detail the physical and mental treatment requisite for the scientific and safe delivery of the mother. This paper shall be discussed by the class, and examined by the teacher, who shall decide as to the proper qualification of his pupils to practise obstetrics.

Tuition. SECT. 4. The tuition of students in obstetrics is one hundred dollars each for one course, and they shall pay their tuition to the teacher of this department.

Board of Lectureship.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

ORGANIZATION AND RULES.

Number of Members. SECT. 1. This Church shall establish a "Board of Lectureship," consisting of not less than three, nor more than twelve members.

Election. SECT. 2. The members of this Board shall be elected annually by the Christian Science Board of Directors, subject to the approval of Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

Sections. SECT. 3. The members of this Board shall lecture in the several sections of our country as follows: — Those who reside in the New England States shall lecture only in these states. Residents in the Middle, Southern, Western and Pacific Coast States shall lecture only within the boundaries of the group of states wherein they are located. The lecturers appointed for Canada and Great Britain, or other countries, shall lecture in the sections assigned to them. If a member disobeys this By-Law, it shall be the duty of this Board to remove his or her name from its roll of members; and the Christian Science Board of Directors shall immediately elect a member of the Mother Church to fill the vacancy.

No Disruption of Branch Churches. SECT. 4. The Board of Lectureship is not allowed in anywise to meddle with or to disrupt the organization of branch churches. The lecturer can invite churches within the city whither he is called to unite in their attendance on his lecture, and so make for their churches a less lecture fee; but the churches are the parties to decide this action.

Receptions. SECT. 5. As a rule there should be no receptions or festivities after a lecture on Christian Science, but there may occur important exceptions. If there be an individual who goes to hear and deride Truth, he should have the chance to go away prepared to discern it; and he who goes to seek Truth should have the opportunity to depart in quietude and to find it.

ARTICLE XXXV.

CALLS FOR LECTURES.

From the Directors. SECTION 1. When the need is apparent, the Christian Science Board of Directors of the Mother Church may call on any member of this Board of Lectureship to lecture, within his precincts, at such places and at such times as the Cause of Christian Science demands.

From Branch Churches. SECT. 2. The branch Churches of Christ, Scientist, through their clerks, may apply to a member of this Board of Lecture-

ship, within his precincts, for aid, and it shall be granted them.

From Societies. SECT. 3. If called for, a member of the Board can lecture for a Society.

Semi-Annual Lectures. SECT. 4. The Mother Church will, and the branch churches may, call on the Board of Lectureship semi-annually for a lecture.

Extra Lectures. SECT. 5. The members of the Board of Lectureship shall not deliver annually more than three lectures that have not been called for by the Christian Science Board of Directors of this Church, or by requests from other churches.

Lectures by First Readers. SECT. 6. Not over six lectures, yearly, should be given by a member of the Board who is a First Reader; his or her labors are required in the Church.

No Wednesday Lectures. SECT. 7. The Board of Lectureship shall not appoint a lecture for Wednesday evening.

Fee. SECT. 8. The lecture fee shall be left to the discretion of the lecturer.

Expenses. SECT. 9. The lecturer's traveling expenses and the cost of hall shall be paid by the church that employs him, unless receipts from the lecture are sufficiently remunerative.

Exceptional Cases. SECT. 10. If a lecturer receive a call to lecture in a place where he sees there is special need, and the local church is unable to meet the expense, he is at liberty to supply that need, and trust to sales of admission tickets, or other contributions, for his fee.

Privilege of Leading Churches. SECT. 11. If the Pastor Emeritus shall appoint any lecturer for this special service, it shall be the privilege of the churches situated in our largest cities, or in the capital cities of the United States, Canada or Great Britain, to call for an annual lecture from him, in addition to their other established lectures; also with his consent to publish the entire lecture in at least one of the leading local papers.

Missionaries.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

Election. SECTION 1. The Christian Science Board of Directors shall annually elect four experienced, competent Christian Scientists for missionary work.

Work. SECT. 2. Whenever in their judgment the prosperity of our Cause demands this, it shall be the duty of this Board to consult the Pastor Emeritus; and, if found necessary, immediately to call a Church meeting, and by unanimous vote appoint one of these missionaries to go wherever the Cause demands, and to do whatever is required of him, — be it to fill a vacancy, or to spread the gospel of Christian Science, or to correctly propagate this Science in whatever locality it is misrepresented or unknown.

Compensation. SECT. 3. While this student is performing missionary labor, he shall receive suitable wages for it, and the money thus appropriated

shall be drawn from contributions to the Church, or from the annual Church fund. Otherwise the Board of Directors may agree on a salary to be paid annually to each missionary.

Marriage.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

If a Christian Scientist is to be married, the ceremony shall be performed by a clergyman who is legally authorized. According to our present laws, a Christian Scientist alone cannot unite individuals in wedlock.

Church Manual.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

For the Mother Church Only. SECTION 1. The Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., prepared by our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, and copyrighted, is adapted to the Mother Church only. It cannot be adopted, nor its By-Laws printed or published by branch Churches of Christ, Scientist.

Committee. SECT. 2. This Church shall elect annually a Committee on the Church Manual, whose duty it shall be, when requisite, to have the Manual revised, corrected, and properly compiled. Any addition to this book shall be grammatically examined, punctuated uniformly with other pages, and properly arranged in the book.

Tenth Edition the Authority. SECT. 3. The Board of Directors, the Committee on Bible Lessons, and the Board of Trustees of this Church shall each

keep a copy of the tenth edition of the Church Manual; and if a discrepancy shall appear in any revised edition, the tenth edition shall be cited as authority.

Publication Committee.

Article XXXIX.

In Mother Church. Section 1. There shall be appointed by the Mother Church in Boston a standing committee called the Publication Committee. It shall consist of one loyal Christian Scientist who resides in Boston.

Duties. Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the member constituting the Publication Committee to correct in a Christian manner a lapse, injustice, or blunder, relating either to Christian Science or to a prominent member of this denomination, in the periodicals issued in the city wherein he resides. This committee shall also be responsible for correcting, as above named, abusive newspaper articles published in his city and state, that have not been

replied to by other Scientists, and have been forwarded to him for said purpose; also for reading the last proof sheet of the article he has prepared on this subject, having it published according to copy; and for having the papers containing these articles circulated in large quantities.

Branch Churches. SECT. 3. One of the largest branch churches in each state of the United States, and in Canada, and Great Britain, is requested to appoint a Publication Committee to serve in its locality and under its church by-laws. This church can appoint to serve in this capacity a Publication Committee conveniently adapted therefor, who is in good fellowship with another Church of Christ, Scientist.

Appointment. SECT. 4. The Publication Committee shall consist of males only, and shall be appointed by the First and Second Readers of the church employing said Committee. If, prior to its meeting for electing church officers, the Pastor Emeritus shall send to the First Reader of a church the name of a candidate for its Publication Committee, this Reader shall appoint said candidate.

General Manager. SECT. 5. The manager of the general Publication Committee throughout the United States and Canada, who resides in Boston, shall be elected annually, and shall receive from the Mother Church an annual salary, paid quarterly, of $3,000.

Appendix.

Special Instructions

Regarding Applications for Church Membership.

To Inviters.

1. Members of the Mother Church are eligible to invite candidates to unite with this Church.

2. No persons are eligible to countersign applications except loyal students of Mrs. Eddy, Directors, and First Members. If an applicant is invited by one of such, his signature at line (*c*) on the application is sufficient.

3. Inviters must not change the heading — Boston — on the Invitation blank, as the invitation is from the Mother Church in Boston; neither should the address of the applicant be written thereon.

4. Inviters should have applications returned to them after being filled out by the applicants, in order to compare them with the forms here given, and see that names are legibly written, before sending them to the Clerk of the Church. If not correct, the applicant will be notified, and new applications

will be required, as none will be returned that are not correctly made out. This requirement is to prevent applications being duplicated and the confusion that might result therefrom. It is important that these seemingly strict conditions be complied with, as the names of the members of the Mother Church will be recorded in the history of the Church and become a part thereof.

5. All names, whether of inviters, applicants, signers, or countersigners, must be plainly written, and one, at least, of the given names of each, written in full, and the same in all places where required. Initials only of first names will not be received.

6. Women must sign Miss or Mrs. before their names as the case may be.

To Applicants.

1. In filling out the application blank, one of the Christian names must be written in full. Initials alone will not be received.

2. If the applicant is a married woman she must sign her own Christian name, not her husband's, and prefix her signature with Mrs. Unmarried women must sign Miss.

3. Those who desire to unite with the Mother Church under probationary provisions, will be furnished blanks and instructions on application to the Clerk of the Church.

4. There are three regular forms of application. 1. For those who have studied with Mrs. Eddy; 2. For their students; 3. For those who have not studied Christian Science with a teacher.

Applicants of the first class are referred to Article VIII., Sect. 1.

Applicants of the second and third classes will find the chief points of these instructions illustrated in the two varieties of Form 2, on pages 90 and 91.

5. Those whose teachers are deceased, absent, or disloyal, or those whose teachers refuse to sign applications without sufficient cause, (see Art. VIII., Sect. 4,) will be furnished special forms on application to the Clerk.

6. When branch churches are designated by number, as First Church, Second Church, etc., the number must be written First, Second, as shown on page 91. If a branch church has a special name instead of a number, as Central Church, the special name — "Central" — must be inserted directly after the word "excepting." The article "the" either capitalized (The), or small (the), must not be used before titles of branch churches. See Article XXVIII., Sect. 2.

7. If the applicant is not a member of a branch church, he should fill out his application in this respect according to the form on page 90.

FORM OF INVITATION PROPERLY FILLED OUT.

BOSTON, MASS.,.....*Jan. 1st*,.....1897

(*a*).....*Mrs. Jennie W. Field, C.S.*.....

Dear Student (*or Friend, as the case may be*):

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., is designed to be built on the rock of Christ — Truth and Love — and to reflect the Church Triumphant.

If you are not a member of any church except a Church of Christ, Scientist, and if you love Christian Science, and read understandingly the Bible, and SCIENCE AND HEALTH, WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES, by Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy, and other works by this author, and can enter into full fellowship with the Tenets and Rules of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., we cordially invite you to unite with this church.

(*b*).....*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*.....

Per order Christian Science Board of Directors,
WILLIAM B. JOHNSON, *Clerk of Church*,
95 Falmouth Street, Boston, Mass.

I cordially accept the above invitation to unite with the Mother Church.

(*c*) (Signature).....*Mrs. Jennie W. Field, C.S.*.....

APPLICATION.

I.

PROPERLY SIGNED AND ENDORSED, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE VIII., SECT. 2.

If you have been taught by one of Mrs. Eddy's students, or by the pupil of one of her students, fill this blank.

FORM 2.

To The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

William B. Johnson, C.S.B., Clerk.

By the invitation of the Mother Church named above through

a.....*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*,.....

my teacher in Christian Science, I hereby make application for membership.

I am not a member of any church ~~excepting~~..... ~~Church of Christ, Scientist, at~~.....

Yours in Truth and Love,

b.....*Mrs. Jennie W. Field, C.S.*.....

I cordially approve the application of *b*.

c.....*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*.....

Countersigned by.....

APPLICATION.

II.

SIGNED, ENDORSED, AND COUNTERSIGNED, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IX., SECT. 2.

If you have been taught by one of Mrs. Eddy's students, or by the pupil of one of her students, fill this blank.

FORM 2.

To The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

William B. Johnson, C.S.B., Clerk.

By the invitation of the Mother Church named above through

..... *Miss Mary E. Grant, C.S.* .....

my teacher in Christian Science, I hereby make application for membership.

I am not a member of any church excepting *Second* Church of Christ, Scientist, at *New York, N. Y.*

Yours in Truth and Love,

b.....*Miss Emma L. French*.....

I cordially approve the application of *b*.

c..... .....*Miss Mary E. Grant, C.S.*.....

Countersigned by..*James B. Brown, C.S.D.*....

Present Order of Services

IN THE

MOTHER CHURCH.

[Republished from the *Sentinel.*]

Sunday Services.

1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Hymn.
3. Reading a Scriptural Selection.
4. Silent Prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation.
5. Hymn.
6. Announcing necessary notices.
7. Reading the explanatory note on first leaf of *Quarterly.*
8. Announcing the subject of the Lesson-Sermon, and reading the Golden Text.
9. Reading the Scriptural selection, entitled "Responsive Reading," alternately by the First Reader and the congregation.
10. Reading the Lesson-Sermon. (After the Second Reader reads the BIBLE references of the

first Section of the Lesson, the First Reader makes the following announcement: "As announced in the explanatory note, I shall now read correlative passages from the Christian Science text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES by Mary Baker G. Eddy.")

11. Collection and Solo.

12. Hymn.

13. Reading Scientific Statement of Being, and pronouncing Benediction.

The order of Sunday service is sometimes varied by the singing of a selection immediately after the organ voluntary.

On the first Sunday of each month, except on Communion Day, Section 1, Art. XXI, *A Rule for Motives and Acts*, is to be read.

Communion Services.

1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Hymn.
3. Reading a Scriptural selection.
4. Silent Prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation.
5. Hymn.
6. Announcing necessary notices.
7. Reading Tenets of the Mother Church.
8. Collection and Solo.
9. Reading the explanatory note on first leaf of *Quarterly.*
10. Announcing the subject of the Lesson-Sermon, and reading the Golden Text.
11. Reading the Scriptural selection entitled "Responsive Reading" alternately by the First Reader and the congregation.
12. Reading the Lesson-Sermon. (After the Second Reader reads the BIBLE references of the first Section of the Lesson, the First Reader makes the following announcement: "As announced in the

explanatory note, I shall now read correlative passages from the Christian Science text-book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES by Mary Baker G. Eddy.")

13. The First Reader briefly invites the congregation to kneel in silent Communion. This is concluded by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer (spiritual interpretation omitted.)

14. Singing the Doxology:

"Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till Thou art here and now obeyed."

15. Reading Scientific Statement of Being and pronouncing Benediction.

This is the order of service at the Mother Church, and the branch churches shall adopt this form of service.

The Church Tenets shall be read at the Communion service in the branch churches.

Wednesday Meetings.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. Hymn.

3. Reading from the BIBLE, and correlative passages from SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

4. Silent Prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer, its spiritual interpretation being omitted.

5. Hymn.

6. Announcing necessary notices.

7. Experiences, testimonies, and remarks on Christian Science.

8. Closing Hymn.

Deed of Trust.

The following is a Copy of the Deed of Trust Conveying Land for Church Edifice.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

THAT I Mary Baker G. Eddy of Concord in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire in consideration of one dollar to me paid by Ira O. Knapp of Boston, Massachusetts, William B. Johnson of Boston, Massachusetts, Joseph S. Eastaman of Chelsea, Massachusetts, and Stephen A. Chase of Fall River, Massachusetts, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and, also in consideration of the trusts and uses hereinafter mentioned and established, do hereby give, bargain, sell, and convey to the said Ira O. Knapp, William B. Johnson, Joseph S. Eastaman, and Stephen A. Chase as trustees as hereinafter provided and to their legitimate successors in office forever, a certain parcel of land situate on Falmouth street in said Boston, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at

the junction of Falmouth street, and a forty-foot street now called Caledonia street; thence running Southwest on said Falmouth street one hundred and sixteen and eighty-eight hundredths feet; thence Northwest at a right angle to a point where a line drawn at right angles to said forty-foot street at a point thereon one hundred and sixteen and fifty-five hundredths feet Northwest from the point of beginning meets the said boundary at right angles to Falmouth street, sixty-six and seventy-eight hundredths feet; thence at an obtuse angle on said line at right angles to said forty-foot street sixty-seven and thirty-five hundredths feet to said forty-foot street; thence Southeasterly on said forty-foot street one hundred and sixteen and fifty-five hundredths feet to the point of beginning; containing seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight square feet more or less, and subject to the agreements and restrictions mentioned in a deed recorded in Suffolk Registry of Deeds Lib. 1719, Fol. 83 so far as the same are now legally operative.

This deed of conveyance is made upon the following express trusts and conditions which the said grantees by accepting this deed agree and covenant for themselves and their successors in office to fully perform and fulfil.

1. Said grantees shall be known as the "Christian Science Board of Directors," and shall constitute a perpetual body or corporation under and in accordance with section one, Chapter 39 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts.* Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Board the remaining members shall within thirty days fill the same by election; but no one shall be eligible to that office who is not in the opinion of the remaining members of the Board a firm and consistent believer in the doctrines of Christian Science as taught in a book entitled "Science and Health," by Mary Baker G. Eddy beginning with the seventy-first edition thereof.

2. Said Board shall within five years from the date hereof build or cause to be built upon said lot of land a suitable and convenient church edifice, the cost of which shall not be less than fifty thousand dollars.

3. When said church building is completed said Board shall elect a pastor, reader or speaker to fill

* The deacons, church wardens, or other similar officers of churches or other religious societies, and the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal churches appointed according to the discipline and usages thereof, shall, if citizens of this commonwealth, be deemed bodies corporate for the purpose of taking and holding in succession all the grants and donations, whether of real or personal estate, made either to them and their successors, or to their respective churches, or to the poor of the churches.

the pulpit who shall be a genuine Christian Scientist; they shall maintain public worship in accordance with the doctrines of Christian Science in said church, and for this purpose they are fully empowered to make any and all necessary rules and regulations.

4. Said Board of Directors shall not suffer or allow any building to be erected upon said lot except a church building or edifice, nor shall they allow said church building or any part thereof to be used for any other purpose than for the ordinary and usual uses of a church.

5. Said Board of Directors shall not allow or permit in said church building any preaching or other religious services which shall not be consonant and in strict harmony with the doctrines and practice of Christian Science as taught and explained by Mary Baker G. Eddy in the seventy-first edition of her book entitled "Science and Health," which is soon to be issued, and in any subsequent edition thereof.

6. The congregation which shall worship in said church shall be styled "The First Church of Christ, Scientist."

7. Said Directors shall not sell or mortgage the land hereby conveyed; but they shall see that all

taxes and legal assessments on said property are promptly paid.

8. Said church building shall not be removed from said lot except for the purpose of rebuilding thereon a more expensive or a more convenient structure in which said doctrines of Christian Science only shall be preached and practised. If said church building is removed for either of the purposes above set forth, any and all tablets and inscriptions which are or shall be upon said church building at the time of removal shall be removed therefrom and placed upon the walls of the new edifice. If said building is burned, the Directors shall forthwith proceed to rebuild the church.

9. Said Directors shall maintain regular preaching, reading or speaking in said church on each Sabbath, and an omission to have and maintain such preaching, reading or speaking for one year in succession shall be deemed a breach of this condition.

10. Whenever said Directors shall determine that it is inexpedient to maintain preaching, reading or speaking in said church in accordance with the terms of this deed, they are authorized and required to reconvey forthwith said lot of land with the building thereon to Mary Baker G. Eddy, her heirs and assigns forever by a proper deed of conveyance.